



ACT Commends Fortune 500 Companies Designated Best Workplaces for Commuters

(Atlanta, GA – October 19, 2005) The Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) commends the companies designated today as Best Workplaces for Commuters (BWC), a designation from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Intel, QUALCOMM, and Oracle lead the 2nd annual list of Best Workplaces for Commuters from the Fortune 500 Companies, EPA announced today.

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The Association for Commuter Transportation is North America's most respected association for professionals who specialize in commute options and solutions as well as organizations, business and individuals interested in creating a more workable transportation system.

THE EPA BWC is an innovative partnership that provides a way for employers to encourage energy conservation by offering commuter benefits, such as subsidized transit passes and vanpool vouchers, telework and rideshare programs, bike lockers, showers, and an emergency ride home. The EPA is recognizing these companies for their role in offering excellent commuter benefits that reduce fuel consumption, vehicle emissions and traffic congestion across the country.

ACT and EPA are major partners in addressing continued growth in energy demands, emissions, traffic congestion, and driving distances. "Several ACT members are on the list, highlighting the unique role of employers in reducing emissions and energy demands while providing their employees with a valuable benefit. ACT commends the Fortune 500 organizations for their leadership and recognition of the role commute benefits play in a productive workforce and better community," stated Kevin Shannon, ACT Executive Director.

The companies being recognized today have met EPA's National Standard of Excellence. In addition, EPA is showcasing its "Top 20 List." The companies on this list offer these commuter benefits to the highest percentages of their U.S. workforce. To meet the National Standard of Excellence under the BWC program, employers must provide a minimum level of commuter benefits to their employees.

ACT is the national membership association of organizations and professionals dedicated to providing commute options and services to employers and individuals across the country. ACT members across the country have seen significant growth in requests for commuter assistance services with the rise in gas prices. "From dramatic increases in phone calls, web hits, and ridematching applications to the addition of vanpools in service, ACT members and BWC Fortune 500 companies are providing relief, options, and valuable services from the pressure of today's energy challenges," concluded Shannon.

(For full information on the BWC program, visit www.bwc.gov)